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*Handed to me by
Col. Barton on 6-27-69.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Phone call to Admiral Mustin 25 June 1969

1. The following subjects were discussed by Adm. Mustin this date when he was informed by Colonel Ramsey of the briefing for High Commissioner Johnston, TTPI to take place on 27 June 1969 at 1000 hours at HAO. Both Colonels Ramsey and Barton were on the phone.

a. Admiral Mustin desires that Mr. Johnston be aware of how DASA is set up to perform Bikini Clean-up operations.
(DASA-JTF-8, CJTF-8.8 and organization.)

b. The fact that the natives are being brought home is most rewarding to us in the DOD, and AEC. We couldn't be happier and more pleased. My bosses, DOD and AEC are most interested in doing anything they can to further the native return and resettlement.

c. Along these same lines, we are aware of the enthusiasm and sincerity of the Department of Interior to develop other areas within the TTPI. We can appreciate the importance in the way of life and economic gains. The plans for tourism to this area may be big push soon. Bikini a likely spot based on publicity and history of testing. Name itself is selling point. Mrs. Farhington of DI has expressed plan to Admiral Mustin.

d. Admiral Mustin mentioned he had not seen a factual statement or written expression of what CJTG 8.8 has to do at Bikini as pertains to removal of debris to the satisfaction of TTPI. He still desires an itemized list of what has to be done to satisfy TTPI representatives.

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Admiral Mustin stated he felt the representatives should be present and not tripping around the world (Jack Tobin). The detailed category of work to be done by DASA and shown to DI must be meaningful from TTPI point of view. It is real urgent to get and keep their agent ^{on} site full time. Admiral Mustin indicated Mrs. Farhington is not sure that DOD and AEC have really discharged their duties in full. We must know what they (TTPI) want and by when. The native desires must go through their channels -agent- High Commissioner-DI.

2. The question of equipment was brought up by Admiral Mustin. He feels that any equipment to be provided TTPI would come from what is already in place at Bikini. We need a list of what they need by type and number. This should be arrived at by mutual understanding and agreement. The questions of trained operators and maintenance personnel has not been addressed. Does TTPI have the trained personnel to operate and maintain anything that may be left. Adm. Mustin did not think Mr. Bonnet ^{was} aware of this problem and impact that now faces us. In summary Adm. Mustin stated the project aim was to improve the quality of getting the natives back and turning over to them if needed, all the DOD equipment at no cost. This would not include such items as the Porta-camp units and perhaps a few others. Prior to any final decision on turning over our equipment to TTPI consideration of what such transfer would do to degrade readiness is essential and crucial. Finally without knowing TTPI requirements and desires, we cannot fulfill this obligation.

3. Clean-up Status - Present status indicates our phase of Clean-up on Bikini could be finished by 1 September 1969, plus a two week roll-up. The initial agreement with TTPI (Mr. Law) is now history and was basis for our ~~reschedule~~ to date. Mr. Johnston may have other views and if so he should express them clearly and quickly so that alternative termination dates may be formulated. We can't lose sight of work being done by DASA and the AEC within the budget limitations-all based on the initial, agreed to concept of the Clean-up requirements.

4. Admiral Mustin indicated that he was having problems with the shoe-clerk level of OSD/PA people concerning the press visits to Bikini, now scheduled for July 69. He said that if problems persist, the trips may

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not occur until after CJTG 8.8 departs and then it would fall into DI hands. He thought Mr. Johnston might be interested enough to press the point to DI and upon ^{his} channels to assure the press visits while things are relatively livable. *

5. He requested Colonel Barton to extend to Mr. Johnston his warmest regards and hoped he would see him soon. Perhaps a Saipan trip and visit in ^{LATE} August with General deSaussure will be the first opportunity to meet and exchange views. Pass on the feeling that Admiral Mustin is doing everything possible to assist DI to settle natives including equipment, ~~area~~ visits and anything else they might think of.

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